Repair of Escalator at IGI Airport, New Delhi

946. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the escalator which caused death at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on 13th December, 1999 came off again on 3rd June, 2000 when a plate come off;

(b) whether after repair, the escalator was not checked;

(c) the reasons for such negligence; and

(d) the enquiry proposed to fix responsibility for negligence?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) After maintenance/servicing and overhauling the escalator was checked by Airports Authority of India as well as M/s OTIS engineers and certificate of fitness was issued by M/s OTIS for use.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

AI's Share in World Traffic and Cargo

947. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of about 700 airlines in the world, the top seven account for 33 per cent of the revenue;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 35 per cent of the total volume of passenger freight and mail traffic goes to airlines of the United States; and

(c) if so, what is Air India's percentage in world traffic and cargo?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Top seven airlines of the world account for 34% of the revenue of the top 150 airlines. Information, regarding revenue of all airlines is, however, not available.

(b) Out of the total scheduled (international and domestic) traffic (passenger, freight and mail) carried by all the International Air

Transport Association (IATA) member airlines, about 32% is carried by IATA member airlines from the United States.

(c) Out of the total traffic carried by IATA member airlines, Air India's share is around 0.4%.

Allocation of Land to Leela Hotel, Mumbai by AAI

948. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India incurred a loss of Rs. 8.20 crore by providing undue benefits to the Leela Hotel, Mumbai by allocating the authority's land for beautification and recreation purpose without following the proper procedure; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fleet Expansion of IA and AI

949. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the fleet expansion of Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines will add smaller planes in its fleet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease. Indian Airlines is undertaking a Techno evaluation study of aircrafts for augmentation of capacity and replacement of A-300 and B-737-200 aircraft currently.